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SUSAN STAMBERG: Last week in Athens, CIA section chief Richard Welch was shot to death outside his home. The assassin has not yet been caught. But over the weekend, the Director of the CIA pointed an accusing finger not at extremists abroad, but at a group here in Washington which devotes itself fulltime to muckraking the U.S. intelligence community. The group calls itself the Fifth Estate and had uncovered Welch's identity and home address in Counter-Spy, its quarterly magazine. Now the Fifth Estate is getting death threats.

Jeff Stein has details.

WINSLOW PECK: I don't look upon Congress as saving us. What is going to save us is everyone in this country just saying no. So I would say with the CIA, certainly we have to abolish it. It has become just a -- perhaps one of the most heinous gangs of cutthroats and murderers that the world has ever seen.

At this particular time, I think our goal is certainly to disorganize it, destabilize it, through whatever means are necessary.

JEFF STEIN: That was last September. Winslow Peck, a member of the Fifth Estate laying out his group's plans to destabilize the Central Intelligence Agency. Also that month, in its magazine Counter-Spy, the Fifth Estate had named Richard S. Welch as a spy for the CIA. Eight days ago, Welch was gunned down outside his home on his way to work in Athens. Nine days ago, the Fifth Estate was an unknown group of radical ex-intelligence officers. Over the weekend, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, William Colby, denounced the group for what he called irresponsible and paranoid attacks on employees of his

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